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CONGREGATIONAL KANSAS

SEPTEMBER • 1957

Templeton In Kansas

Dr. Charles B. Templeton, noted evangelist will be in Kansas, Sept. 15 thru 19:

Sunday, Sept. 5: Hutchinson State Fair grandstand, 11 a.m.

Sept. 16: Wichita: 12 o'clock lunch and Seminar at First Methodist; 7:30 P.M. Mass Meeting at 1st Presbyterian.

Sept. 17 - Hays: 5:30 P.M. Dinner and Seminar at First Methodist; 8 P.M. Mass Meeting at Ft. Hays Auditorium.

Sept. 18 - Topeka: 3 P.M. Seminar at First Congregational; 7:30 P.M. Mass Meeting at city Auditorium.

Sept. 19 - Lawrence: 3 P.M. Seminar at Plymouth Congregational; 7:30 P. M. Mass Meeting at Haskell auditorium.

Dr. Templeton will be accompanied by Dr. Dale Turner, our Conference Evangelism Chairman. Ministers and leaders in our churches should attend the meeting nearest them.

Dr. Templeton has directed and presented National Council of Churches radio and television hours over the major networks in this country. He has been the leader in such programs as "Look Up and Live" (CBS Network), "Frontiers of Faith" (NBC Network), "The Art of Living" (NBC Network, and "National Radio Pulpit" (NBC Network).

In addition to these, Dr. Templeton is the author of several books, of which "Look Up and Live" is one of the most outstanding.

Our Cover Picture

Standing in the foreground of the picture are Dave Cutting of Doane College and Lenora and Gene Clyma of Kansas City Ruby. In the background the Farmhand, operated by the Rev. Dan Tyson of Smith Center, has lifted several campers up to paint high spots.

Fourteen young people and five leaders lived at the Good Hope Church in Norton County for two weeks. Work accomplished included scraping the outside, applying 2 coats of paint, repairing windows, painting screens, plastering cracks, rewiring and installing new lights and building an altar and chancel. But more important were the satisfactions which come from giving one's self in service and the enriched friendships with God and man.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the Rev. Louis Poppe who directed the camp and the other leaders; Rev. Dan Tyson, Mrs. Kay Brown, Dave Cutting and Violet Hare. Campers attending were: Barbara Dotts of Lawrence, Cindy Ewing of Russell, Sibyl Rickenberg of Topeka Central, Doneda Fiscus and Virginia Bundy of KC Welborn, Anne Dedrick of Wichita Pilgrim, Kay Camp and Nancy Partin of Prairie Village, Helen Million of Wichita Fairmount, Dounglas Gunn and Dave Felton of Great Bend, Gene Clyma and Jerry Adkins of KC Ruby and Roger Poppe of Whitewater.

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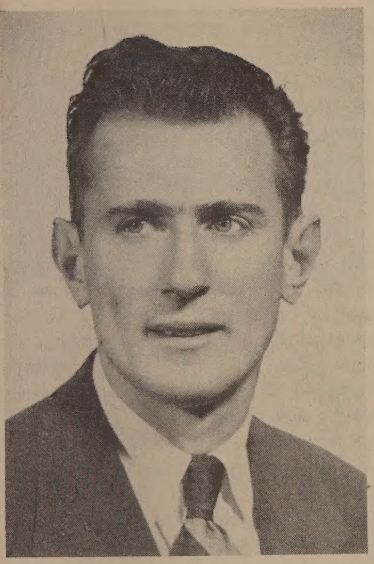

Dr. Harold Wilke, Guest Leader

On To Emporia!

September 14 and 15, more than 200 C & C and E & R laymen are expected at Emporia First for the Fourth Annual Laymen's meeting.

Leadership

"The best in the country" is no exaggeration in describing Miss Elsie Farris of Long Beach, California and Dr. Harold Wilke of the E and R National Office in Cleveland.

The Workshops

Six Workshops and their leaders are:

"Those E & R and C & C Folks" led by Dr. Wilke and C. M. Correll.

"Social Concerns of the Church" led by Guy Gebhardt, assisted by S. A. Committee.

"Church Ushering - How To Do It?" led by Russell laymen.

"Church School - Is It a Wasted Hour?" led by Perc Rayl and Frank Gurtler.

"Campus Needs - What Can We Do?" led by Rev. James Ewing.

In Addition

Presentations of vital concern, Sunday afternoon by Dr. Dale Turner, Conference Chairman of Evangelism and the Rev. Ned Burr McKenney, Chairman of the Committee on the Ministry.

Hospitality

Courtesy Meals by the Conference and the Laymen's Fellowship - lodging in homes arranged by the host church - plus that warm welcome always extended by Steve and Etta Williams and their people.

On To Emporia!

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Tomorrow Together

Kansas was well represented at the first joint Convention of the Churchmen's Brotherhood of the E & R Church and the Laymen's Fellowship of the C & C Churches held at Oberlin College, August 23-25.

Mr. Charles Armstrong of Muscotah represented Eastern; Mr. Raymond Bell of McPherson went from Southern; Mr. Ralph Ewing of Russell, State President attended from Western.

Installation Service

On Sunday, September 22 at 7:30 P.M., a service of installation will be held at First Pilgrim Congregational Church in Kansas City for Dr. John A. Abel. Dr. Abel came to First Pilgrim following a nine year pastorate at Williston, North Dakota.

The installation sermon will be given by the Rev. Ned Burr McKenney. Others participating include: Charles Armstrong, the Rev. Elmer Erickson, Sup't. L. M. Rymph, J. Russell De Rigne, Dale Christison, Dr. C. A. Riley and Rev. A. F. Newell.

"I Will Remember Thee"

It is assumed without question by most Americans that the U. S. is not only the stronghold of democracy in the world, but also of the Christian religion; but Americans who believe that we are a great positive force for Christianity will do well to ponder the following facts.

Less than two-thirds of the population are members of any church. In Kansas less than one-half of the population belong to a church. In 1955 membership in Protestant churches numbered only about 35 million out of a total U. S. population of 165 million. To make Christianity a really effective force in our lives requires not only that the unchurched millions be brought into the fold, but that those who are already ostensibly in, be active, participating members.

In 1955, 35 million Protestant church members contributed only about one and three-fourths billions of dollars to their churches; about $49.00 per member. This is less than $1.00 per week. It was less than 1% of the average family income. Those familiar with church finances know that, low as it is, the average figure would be much lower were it not for the generous contributions of a relatively small group.

When one considers the great need in the world for Christian morality, the great tasks to be accomplished if God's will is to be done on earth as it is in Heaven, the one percent effort seems pitifully small and unworthy of the wealthiest nation on earth, indeed the wealthiest nation in the history of mankind.

Parsimonious giving, however, is not the only evidence of the relatively unimportant place of religion in the lives of many professed Christians. A disappointingly small percentage of church members even attend church services regularly.

Is it any wonder that Asiastic visitors from Mohammedan, Hindu or Buddhist countries who have seen or experienced vigorous Christian missionary programs are surprised to learn of the superficial commitment which American Christians appear to have for their religion at home? Whatever may be said about these Asiatic religions, it must be admitted that they are a mote powerful force in the personal lives of their adherents than is Christianity in the U. S. This apparent spiritual apathy may be explained in part as a too narrow conception of the meaning of Christian stewardship. If we sincerely believe the Psalmist's words, "The Earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof and all they that dwell therein," we know that we are but stewards of all that we have and of our own lives. Christian stewardship thus requires more than declarations of faith, more than efforts to practice Christian morality in everyday living, more than giving, even sacrificial giving - it requires full sharing in the total life of the church.

It is the chief aim of the Stewardship Committee this year to assist in cultivating this broader and deeper sense of Christian stewardship in our fellowship. The committee has been enlarged and reorganized; 3 sub-committees: budget, stewardship education and missionary education.

The committee has set for itself the immediate goal of encouraging each church to establish a stewardship committee responsible for cultivation of Christian Stewardship thru deep personal commitment of time, treasures and talents for Christ.

Conference Stewardship Commmittee
E. S. Bagley, Chairman

June 16, 1957!

The above date will be long remembered by the people of Ellis. The lovely stone parsonage, home of Rev. and Mrs. Robert Gurtler and four children was a scene of tranquility that Sunday afternoon. Bob had gone to Denver to enroll in Iliff Seminary. Linda had just returned from Junior Hi Camp. The Rymph's from Topeka stopped by after taking six Kansas City young people to the Good Hope Work Camp. Then came the flood warning. Thirty minutes after the parsonage family and the Rymph's left for Hays, the wall of water hit.

The destruction and ruin witnessed the next day when the waters receded was terrible beyond description. Digging out, hauling off, cleaning and repairing began, and as we go to press, still continues. The damage and loss suffered at the church and parsonage and by the Gurtler's personnally, is estimated at $20,000.00.

The response to appeals made by the Conference Moderator, Dan Hopkins, by the Association Officers, by Mrs. Ralph Ewing and Mrs. Elizabeth Gunn of C.S.A., and by others, has been wonderful. To date, $4,803.74 has been given for church and parsonage repair and $1,374.50 has been given the Gurtler's to help in replacing their personal losses.

Contributions for church and parsonage include: Almena, $35.00; Anthony, $90.35; Athol Women, $10.00; Carbondale, $41.00; Centralia, $65.00; Downs; $57.10; Emporia First, $166.-62; Eureka, $88.20; Ford women, $10.00; Garden City, $75.61; Garfield women, $25.00; Gaylord, $19.65; Great Bend, $260.29; Haven, . .60.00; Independence, $49.50; KC Rosedale, $90.75; KC Ruby, $61.50; Kinsley, $100.00; Kiowa, $200.00; Kirwin, $13.00; Leavenworth, $15.00; Lenora, $100.74; Leona, $15.97; Little River, $65.10; McPherson, $52.00; Maize, $10.00; Manhattan, $167.50; Matfield Green, $11.01; Muscotah, $50.00; Osborne, $60.82; Ottawa, $75.00; Partridge, $124.16; Plevna, $50.71; Prairie Village women, $100.00; Sabetha, $109.55; Sedgwick, $50.00; Seneca, $41.13; Smith Center, $128.55; St. Marys, $25.00; Stockton, $30.00; Topeka Central, $100.00; Topeka First, $263.26; Topeka Seaman, $300.00; Towanda, $51.45; Wakefield, $35.00; Whitewater, $46.00; Wichita Fairmount, $200.00; Wichita Pilgrim women, $15.00; Wichita Plymouth, $913.10; P. F. Work Camp, $54.12; Mrs. John Gibson, $25.00.

Contributions to the Gurtler's include: Anthony, $10.00; Garden City, $68.00; Great Bend, $200.00; Haven, $20.00; Hutchinson women, $32.00; Kinsley, $82.10; Lawrence Plymouth, $540.50; McPherson women, $50.00; Manhattan, $10.00; Maple Hill, $50.00; Partridge, $8.50; Pleasant Hill, $16.00; Plevna, $50.00; Sedgwick, $15.00; Stockton, $10.00; Tonganoxie, $10.00; Whitewater women, $50.00; Wichita Fairmount, $92.50; Lola Sloan, $10.00; W. E. Dull, $50.00.

Some gifts have been sent direct to Ellis and we are not sure we have a record of all such gifts. In addition the Russell Church paid for cleaning, laundry and repair of electrical appli-

ances, more than $250.00. Nearby churches giving hundreds of man hours to help in the clean-up include: Downs, Garden City, Garfield, Gorham, Great Bend, Kinsley, Lenora, Russell and Stockton.

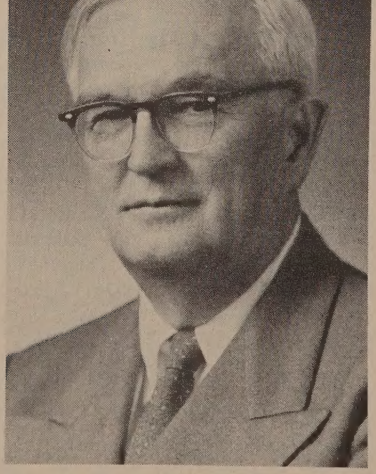
The Ellis Church and the Gurtler's assure us that this warm out-pouring of Christian concern will make it possible for them to "begin again," with a deeper realization of the larger fellowship to which they belong.

"We share each other's woes
Each other's burdens bear
And often for each other flows
A sympathizing tear."

Fall Association Meetings

Southern Association will meet at Udall, October 1st with the Rev. Penn Chambers as host pastor and the Rev. Louis Poppe as Moderator.

Eastern Association will meet at Topeka First, October 3rd with the Rev. Ray Carlton Jones as host pastor and Mr. Charles Armstrong as Moderator.



Rev. Darley Downs - Guest Leader

Western Association will meet at Osborne, October 6 and 7 with the Rev. Sam Lee as host pastor and the Rev. Paul Davis as Moderator.

Guest leader for the meetings will be the Rev. Darley Downs of Tokyo, Japan. Mr. Downs has been a missionary in Japan under the American Board since 1919. He has taught at Doshisha and at Kobe College, served as Director of the Language School in Tokyo, was interned in the Philippines three years during World War II and has been in Tokyo since 1947.

Resignations

The Rev. Henry Eden Wright resigned at Great Bend in late May, effective September first, to become a candidate for the clergy in the Protestant Episcopal Church. He returned to Seminary in early September. Mr. Wright has given leadership at Great Bend for the past six years and will be greatly missed in the community and the larger fellowship.

The Rev. Oscar Nichols of Downs accepted a call to the First Congregational Church of Mondovi, Wisconsin the middle of July and the Nichols family moved to the new parish in August. They came to Downs from Ault, Colorado in May, 1955.

The Rev. Charles Barr, who has served our Federated Church at Mound City for the past three years resigned effective August 31st to return to school.

The Rev. Wm. F. Keeney of our Manhattan Congregational Church has resigned to do missionary work in Mexico under the American Board. The date of their departure is indefinite. During the summer the Keeney's directed a Work Camp in Mexico.

WICHITA CONCORD

OUR NEWEST CHURCH CALLS A MINISTER

The Rev. and Mrs. George Dreher and family

Following a visit from George and Kay Dreher at Wichita on July 8, a unanimous call was extended to them to come to Wichita to give leadership to our newest church, Concord Congregational, located at Quail and Falmouth in the Country Acres addition in West Wichita.

The Dreher's have accepted the call and will move to Wichita from Berkeley, California, October first. The Dreher's have four children; Brenda 9, George 7, Timothy 4, and a young daughter about 2.

Mr. Dreher is a graduate of Dartmouth College and Yale Divinity School. Previous to his pastorate at Arlington Community Church in Berkeley, Calif., he was the minister of a new Congregational Church at Bountiful Utah for five years. The membership increased from 19 to almost 300 under his leadership.

Mrs. Dreher (Kay) is a graduate of the University of Georgia, received a Danforth Fellowship to Oregon State College in 1943-44, and had 2 years at Union Theological Seminary.

The Dreher's will live in the combination church and parsonage building, occupying the 3 bedroom parsonage area on the upper floor. Church meetings are held on the lower floor which has a ground level entrance. It is hoped that the first unit of a church building can be realized before too long, leaving the present structure entirely for parsonage use.

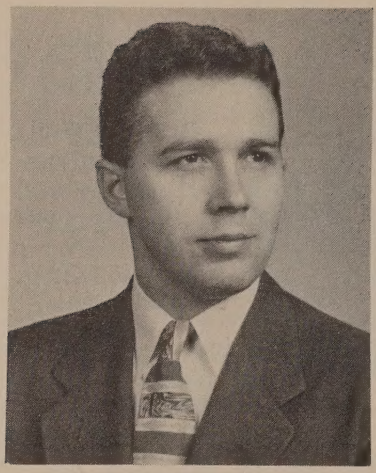
The new church has applied for membership in Southern Association.

On World Communion Sunday, October 6, additional charter members will be received. Leadership for Concord in its preliminary months has been shared by the Rev. Elmo Paff of Wichita Mayflower and Mr. Guy T. Gebhardt, as Parish Visitor.

Parish Hall At Maple Hill

The Rev. Dean Williams, Evangelical United Brethren minister, serving our church at Maple Hill reports construction of a new parish hall underway at Maple Hill. The new building, 32' by 72', being constructed of Haydite cement blocks will contain modern rest rooms, kitchen, pastor's study and a large social hall. Funds on hand have been built up for several years and will be used to complete as much as possible with additions to be made as funds are made available.

The Rev. and Mrs. Williams and their two small daughters are living at Maple Hill and serving the church



The Rev. Dean Williams

while Mr. Williams is in the Chaplain training program at Topeka State Hospital.

Interim Pastorate

The Rev. Robert Tully has accepted an interim pastorate at Garden City, beginning October first. The Rev. Paul Davis of our Garden City Church has been given a leave of absence to complete work on his doctor's degree at Chicago. Mrs. Davis and the two children will stay with her parents in St. Louis while Paul is in Chicago.

Missionary To Turkey

Miss Ruth Wagner, a member of First Congregational Church in Topeka left in September to take up missionary work as a teacher in the American Academy for Girls at Uskudar, Istanbul, Turkey. While in Topeka she was Editor of the Kansas State Teacher's Association magazine. Early this summer she became interested in missionary work and a place for service was quickly found for her by the American Board.

Great Bend Calls Minister

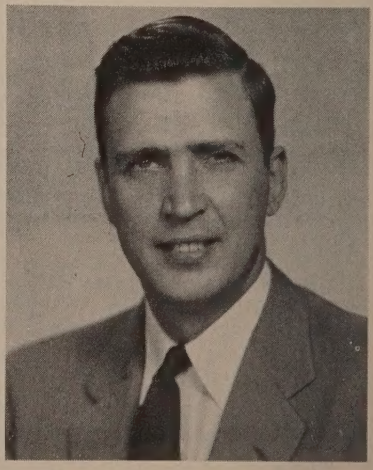
On August 21st, the Rev. Edward H. Brantz of Ralston, Nebraska was given a unanimous call to become the minister of the Great Bend Congregational Church. He will move to Great Bend by November first.

Mr. Brantz is a graduate of Hartford School of R. E., and was ordained in 1951 by the Omaha Association of the Nebraska Conference.

During his nine year pastorate at Ralston Community Congregational Church he has built the membership from 30 to more than 500 members, has led in the construction of a new sanctuary and religious education building and built up an effective church program in all areas.

The Brantz's have three children; Rennie William-5, Malcolm-2, and Claudia-7 months.

They are not strangers to our Kansas Fellowship as they directed the Kansas-Nebraska Family Camp at Estes in 1954 and 1956.



The Rev. Edward H. Brantz

Kansas Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Gordon Lancaster, President

HEARTWARMERS

In September we look toward another time of activity in our churches and our fellowships. Many of us will be led by officers elected in June who will start their programs this month. My hope is that these women will remember that our purpose is to cultivate the spirit of Jesus Christ and that every program and project they sponsor will help them and the women they serve, do this.

My life is filled with grand events, it seems. My heart was warmed . . .

. . . as I stood with Edith Erickson and welcomed the 170 women who attended our second Retreat. Jane Molden, Alice Huggins, Irene Bittinger, the lovely name cards by Kathryn Kittell, the beautiful flowers furnished and arranged by Phyllis Smith, Gilberta Curtis, Edna Smith; the communion service conducted by Lora Jones and Frances Bartter, the hours of work given by Helen Lehmberg and her committee of McPherson women, and, in fact, everything done by everyone, made Retreat a time for spiritual growth.

. . . as I visited with the folks in our Lincoln Church. We talked of the missionaries listed in the American Board Calendar of Prayer, and of the importance of prayer in the life of us all.

. . . as I took my place in the procession that marched down the middle of the Cleveland streets the evening of June 25, and proclaimed to the world that Christ can dissolve differences, that He can make us one. It was an exalting moment as the delegates and leaders declared the union consummated in these words: "Wo do now, as the regularly constituted representatives of the E & R Church and the General Council of the C & C Churches, declare curselves to be one body and our union consummated in this act establishing The United Church of Christ, in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen." We then clasped hands and sang, "Blest Be The Tie". I'm thankful to have been a delegate and I know this memory will warm my heart for the rest of my life.

. . . as I drove with Gordon to Osborne in May to help celebrate the 85th anniversary of their church. We enjoyed every part of the celebration - the morning worship as Mr. Lee spoke on "A Living Memorial," the afternoon program when Bertha Tindal told us fascinating tales of the old days, and the good dinner in between.

. . . When I received a letter from Dr. Kirkpatrick of the Dover Federated Church, asking me to talk to our folks there on Sunday, August 4. This was a new experience and a very heartwarming one. Mrs. Redemski, president of the Women's Fellowship, conducted the service.

. . . as Loyce Robertson and I took off at 4:10 the morning of August 11 for a week at LaForet and the Laymen and Women's National Conference. There were 90 some present; we had wonderful National and International leaders, the food was excellent and the weather cooperated except for the evening we planned the chuck-wagon supper. Why not make vacation plans for next year to include a week at beautiful LaForet?

. . . today, at the Christian Education Workshop at Manhattan, as Dr. Harry Stock said, "the great sin of Protestanism is that many of us go a whole day without a thought of God." I look forward to the remainder of the week's program.

In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew them, the following names have been added to the Women's Fellowship Memorial Fund Roll of Honor.

Mrs. Kate Hatcher Smith
By Garden City Women's Fellowship

Miss Lalia Walling
Mrs. Annie Bentley
Mrs. Clara Smithmeyer
Mrs. T. E. Dunakin
By Lawrence Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Frank Joice
Mrs. Dorothy Knox
By Leavenworth Women's Fellowship

Mrs. O. M. Rhine
By Manhattan Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Ellen Crotts
By Partridge Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Louis Lepley
By Sabetha Women's Fellowship

Mrs. J. M. Hill
By Topeka First Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Elizabeth Hoover
Mrs. Edith S. Goodman
Mrs. Reba Hall Ridley
Caroline Hill White
By Topeka Central Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Delia E. Little
By Topeka Seabrook Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Bertha Mos
By Wichita Pilgrim Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Maisy Chamberlin Hitt
By What-So-Ever Circle
K. C. First Pilgrim

From "Thank You" Notes

Dear Mrs. Lancaster: We wish to express to the Kansas Women's Fellowship our heartfelt thanks for the check for $238.25 from the Woman's Gift. It will go far in helping us get some essentials for our new church and Sunday School.

Virginia Speer, Secretary
Concord Cong. Church, Wichita

Dear Mrs. Lancaster: It is with considerable humility that Gerry and I accept the $300.00 scholarship given us by the Kansas Women's Fellowship. It will be a great help in eliminating the financial strain this coming year.

Robert M. Rymph,
K. C. Ruby

Dear Mrs. Lancaster: It is with deep appreciation that I send my thanks for the generous scholarship help from the Kansas women. In addition to making the task of continuing my education much easier, is the inspiration that comes from knowing there are those who care.

Ray L. Gill—Anthony

Dear Mrs. Lancaster: Helen and I want to express our deep gratitude to the Women's Fellowship for the generous scholarship help. Your concern and thoughtfulness are a challenge to us. In spite of the struggle, we enjoy our work and find it very rewarding. We hope we may live up to your confidence and trust in us.

Robert E. Gurtler—Ellis

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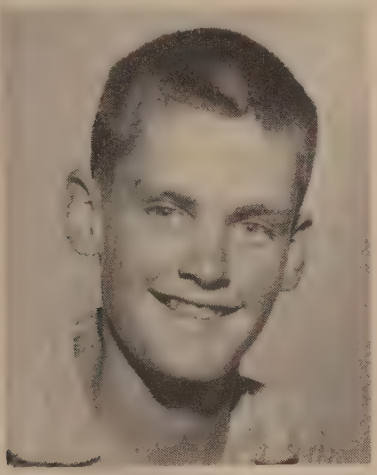
Kent Thompson, President **Polly Pierson, Secretary**



First P and T Conference

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship President, Kent Thompson, pictured above, gave the Sunday morning sermon when 80 P. F.'ers representing 22 churches gathered for the first Pilgrim Fellowship Planning and Training Conference at the Kiwanis Youth Camp near Topeka on Lake Shawnee, Labor Day weekend.

Rev. Hans Poppe of Russell, Western Association P. F. Sponsor served as Dean. John Graff of Clark, South Dakota, National P. F. President, led the workshop on Christian Fellowship. Dorothy Claypool from Boston, Editor of Junior Hi and Middle Hi publications for the Division of Christian Education, led the P. F.'ers in a study of the Christian Faith Commission. Blanche Kostka from Doane College, Crete, Nebraska, gave leadership in the area of the Christian Action Commission.

Officers were elected to serve as state follows: Jerry Adkins, Faith; Anne Dedrick, Action; Linda Wheeler, Fellowship.

Plans were formulated for the Fall Rally to be held at Topeka Cenral on November 7 and 8. The officers studied the needs of the youth camping program and made plans for the 1958 camps. The Rev. Stephen J. Williams, new State Sponsor, will direct the two senior camps at Wa-Shun-Ga in 1958.

1957 Camps

The camp records show that 601 campers and leaders attended the 3 camp sessions at Wa-Shun-Ga, May 26 thru June 15; Senior Camp - 172; Middler Camp - 203; Jr. Hi. Camp - 226.

A total of $1195.00 was given for the following Christian Action projects:

Senior Camp

Japan Rural Ministers	$200.00
Flint Goodrich Hospital	200.00
D. A. Gregory-South India	60.00

Middler Camp

Wichita Mayflower Church	$227.50
D. A. Gregory - South India	227.50

Junior Hi Camp

D. A. Gregory - South India	$280.00

About Japanese Rural Center

By Mrs. John Gibson

Hino Rural Center now moving to Tsurukawa, Japan (near Tokyo) was chosen as the foreign project by the Senior Camp in June. In this camp leaders are trained, both men and women, to work in rural areas, the men to teach proper ways to raise chickens and cows, to purify milk, to cultivate large vegetable gardens. This is done for two purposes, to furnish supplies for the school, and at the same time to learn methods which are helpful in the

farming areas where the young Japanese preachers carry out the 25 year Plan for Rural Evangelism of the United Church of Christ in Japan.

The women are trained to be Nursery School teachers, with a practice kindergarten in Hino.

The church will be left on the Hino site; the nursery school also, the dean's residence being moved for a parsonage.

A great opportunity now presents itself for the orginal site of the National Rural Training and Service Center has been selected for a major new housing area with possibilities for the new residents to be interested in the Christian message.

Word From "Uncle" Greg In India

Dear Pilgrims:

"I had a safe and smooth journey all the way home. I left New York on Sunday the 16th June and arrived in Bombay on the 18th. It is marvellous to think that the world has become so small through science, that I could travel about 12,000 miles in 2 days! I saw my family on the 19th and thanked God for reuniting us after a year of separation. They are all well, thank God.

I must thank every camper for the thoughtfulness with which they have contributed to the education of the poor Indian students. You do not know what this means to our children. May the Lord bless every one of them for this love and good will which reached out over the oceans.

The schools are just now reopened and I am on the lookout for worthy students to receive help from this fund. As soon as we make the choice, I shall let you know about the arrangements made.

I receive many letters from you campers and I am trying my best to write replies to them. Though it takes some of my time, I love to keep in touch with you. You are really an affectionate group.

I send my very affectionate and grateful greetings to every camper and to the counsellors.

Yours very thankfully,

Uncle Greg

Rev. D. A. Gregory
No. 4 First Kamala Street
Tallakulam, Madura District
South India

"Aunt Vi" At Central

Pilgrims and others across the state will be happy to know that Violet Hare has accepted a position as Secretary at Central Church in Topeka.

Calling ALL P F ers

WORK DAY FOR CHRIST

October 19, 1957

The Purpose

To Make Real Our Faith . . . .
To Send Our Dollars Where We Can't Go Ourselves . . .
To Build Bridges of Understanding In A World Of Haste . . .

United Church Night Meetings In Kansas

In keeping with the National Plan for United Church Fellowship Meetings in 100 church centers in America, Kansas United Church is planning five such gatherings, October 27-31.

Purpose

To bring Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed Church people together to celebrate the union of the General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches and the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, and to seek the dedication of our people to the fulfillment of the will of God for and through the United Church and its world-wide mission.

Organization

The Kansas Conference staff has worked with the Kansas City Synod President, the Rev. A. H. Wegener in the preliminary planning. A committee made up of a General Chairman, the Host Pastor, and a layman, a minister and a lay woman from each communion is handling the details for each meeting.

Who When Where

October 27 - Meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, Westminster Church Church with the Rev. Gerald Maggart.

October 28 - Meeting at First Congregational Church in Topeka with the Rev. Ned Burr McKenney as General Chairman.

October 29 - Meeting at Sabetha Congregational Church with the Rev. A. O. Engelmann of Hiawatha E & R, as General Chairman.

October 30 - Meeting at Ellinwood E&R Church, with the Rev. Hans Poppe as General Chairman.

October 31 - Meeting at Wichita First E&R Church with Rev. Clarence Kilde as General Chairman.

Invitations will go out to all C&C and E&R churches in each area. A very worthwhile program is being planned and it is hoped that at least one or two carloads will atend from each church. It is felt that these fellowship gatherings can be a great help in laying strong foundations for our United Fellowship in Kansas.

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Kansas Rates

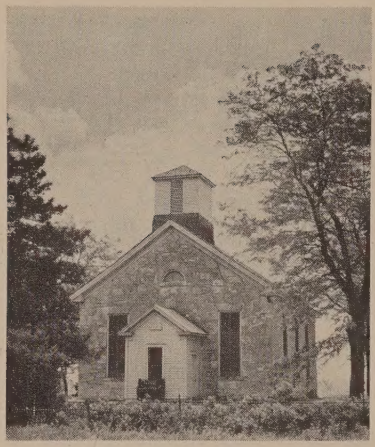
In the Pilgrim Series Fall Program Manual, 18 pages are written by Mrs. Louise Lanning of our Manhattan Church and the Conference Christian Education Committee. They outline 13 lessons for the Parents Class. A Christmas Program by Mrs. Hans Poppe and a Christmas Workshop Report by Mrs. Dale Zabel of Wichita Mayflower (formerly of Manhattan) will be found in the "Try This or That" section.

Fifth Foreign Assignment

Mr. L. E. Call, of our Manhattan Church left this summer for Iran where he is a government consultant for the Agriculture College there, advising them on equipment for teaching and research in Agriculture. Since Dean Call retired from the Staff at K State in 1946, after serving 50 years, he has spent much of his time in this type of work. He spent several years in the Philippines on a similar mission.

Measure Of A Moment

Have you used this spectacular 50 minute movie in your church? This movie showing the dimensions of the Mission of the Church is available at the Conference Office, free for the payment of postage.



Centennial At Wabaunsee

The 100th anniversary of the founding of this historic church was celebrated on Sunday, August 25. The Rev. Orville Hepler brought greetings from the Conference and the Rev. Wm. F. Keeney also spoke. Among the 300 in attendance were visitors from several states.

This church, known as the "Beecher Bible and Rifle Church" because of the appeal and support given by Henry Ward Beecher in encouraging a colony of more than 100 men to make the trek to Kansas and help establish it as a free state. Each of these settlers, locating in the Wabaunsee area were supplied with a Bible, a rifle and a hymnal. Henry Ward Beecher retained a life-long interest in this church whose early membership included several prominent leaders of Kansas. Today it is one of the few Protestant churches in this area whose membership is made up of both negro and white members.

Oscar Bonny Ill

The Rev. O. E. Bonny of our Rosedale Church in Kansas City became ill the middle of August while vacationing and supplying the pulpit of Union Church in West Palm Beach, Florida. He was hospitalized for sometime, suffering from hepititis, a liver infection. He will take several weeks rest at the home of Mrs. Bonny's parents in Palm Beach. Early this summer Bonny was installed as President of the Kansas City Association of Churches.

Good Morning

The Rev. Harold Sturman, new minister at Centralia, reports good attenddance at an early 6 o'clock Sunday morning service during August. During September the service will be at 7 A.M. It is an informal service, more on the order of matins, and lasts only forty minutes. This is held in addition to the regular Sunday Morning Worship.

It's A Boy!

Bradley Curtis Paff arrived in Wichita on August 5 to live with the Rev. and Mrs. Elmo Paff and family. His name was soon added to the Cradle Roll of Mayflower Church where his daddy is the minister.

Progress At Hutchinson

In late June a picnic was held honoring the 43 new members received since February 1st when Dr. Edward W. Day began his ministry there. A Vacation Church School for the first four grades had an enrollment of 64 children with an average attendance of 57. Eight teachers and nine helpers assisted in the school.

Leaders pictured above at the Workshop held at Manhattan, August 25-30 are: (L. to R.) Miss Dorothy Claypool, Dr. Harry Thomas Stock, Miss Mildred Widber and the Rev. Walter Dobler, all of Boston; Mrs. Kenneth Martin of K. C. Welborn, Mrs. C. E. Georgeson of Lenora, and Miss Pat Risdon, also of Boston. Also assisting was the Rev. Orville Hepler of the Conference Staff.

Twenty churches were represented by 38 full-time registrations and 9 part-time delegates.

Vandervelde Leaves Sardis

Rev. Conrad Vandervelde has resigned after serving for 14 years as supply pastor of the Emporia Sardis Congregational Church. Previous to 1943 Mr. Vandervelde was Dean of the College of Emporia for thirty years. During his pastorate extensive improvements have been made including the addition of a basement with modern kitchen and dining facilities.

Family Camp In Retrospect

In addition to the six families which gave leadership at the Estes Park Family Camp July 14-20, eleven Kansas families representing eight Kansas churches were in attendance:

From Topeka Central—Mr. and Mrs. Dale Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Probasco with their families.

From Manhattan—Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bigbee and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Toburen and families.

From Prairie Village—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Goddard, and Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Walton and families.

From Gotham—Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Jacobson and two children.

From Wichita Pilgrim—Mr. and Mrs. Don Ahrens and three children.

From Wichita Fairmount—Mr. and Mrs. John Wheelock and four children.

From Kansas City Welborn—Mr. and Mrs. Everett Good and three children.

From Topeka, formerly of Newton —Judge and Mrs. Alfred Schroeder and three children.

Leadership families included Mr. and Mrs. Phil Felton and three of their four children. The Felton's directed the camp this summer and have agreed to serve again in 1958.

The Rev. and Mrs. Dale Turner made a wonderful contribution to the camp program. Three of their four boys were with them.

Giving leadership also were the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Martin, Chairman of the Conference Family Life Committee, who attended with their two children.

Rev. Orville M. Hepler of the Conference Staff as Business Manager was assisted by Helen and their three daughters.

Out of state leadership included Dr. and Mrs. Mark Emmons and family of Clinton, Iowa and Dr. and Mrs. James McKinley, Missionary Guests.

Seventy-six campers were enriched by the week at Family Camp - 1957.

The Charles Holbrook Library
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Berkeley 9, Calif.

Schroeders Honored

Early this summer Judge and Mrs. Alfred Schroeder were honored at a Church Dinner at the First Congregational Church in Newton, before they moved to Topeka where Mr. Schroeder is Judge of the Supreme Court. The Schroeder's have been active in our Newton Church and Sunday School and Mr. Schroeder served recently as Moderator of Southern Association.

Birthday For Harry Scott

In late July the Udall Church held a reception for the Rev. Harry Scott former minister, who celebrated his 86th birthday. Mr. Scott preached at the Sunday evening service the day before his birthday. The Scott's had retired at Udall when their home was destroyed by the tornado. They have since rebuilt their home there.

R. E. Directors To Topeka

Beginning September first the Rev. Harold Woodbury of Manchester, N.H. took over his duties as Minister of Education at Central Church in Topeka.

The Rev. Max Thomas of the Pacific School of Religion will arrive October first to begin as Religious Education Director of First Congregational Church in Topeka.

Both churches have purchased second parsonages to house the new leaders.

From "Colonial Crier"

Dr. Louis Evans summed it up forcefully in his sermon at the United Protestant Worship Service on July 14th, when he said: "The great test of America is in the number of hearts it has won. We must not be feared . . . We must be loved. In a world tired of killing and mauling, people don't want us Americans to make bombs for them, shells for them, . . . they want us to make love to them! Any nation that can make machines that don't crack up, but can't fashion men who don't crack up, is on its way out! "

E. M. C.

Have you ordered your materials for your Every Member Canvass? Do you need help in training and inspiring your men for this important task? The Rev. Ray Jones of the Stewardship Committee will line up an informed minister or layman to help you; write him at once.